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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Applicant : WATSON et al.
Appl. No. : 09/975,317
Filed : October 12, 2001
Title : METHOD

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Examiner : M. HARTLEY

Docket No.: : WATS3001C/REF
Customer No: : 23364

REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.194

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Sir:

Appellant hereby requests an oral hearing in connection with the appeal in the above-identified application. Submitted herewith is the required fee of \$1,000.00 set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(d).

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